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SUBJ: KOREA AT 29TH UNGA: PROPOSED FRENCH AMENDMENT TO
FRIENDLY RESOLUTION

1. DUTCH MINISTER VAN DER KLAUW INFORMED MISOFF NOV 7,
OF HIS CONVERSATION SAME DAY WITH FRENCH MINISTER LECOMPT
REGARDING KOREA. LECOMPT SAID FRANCE VERY "POSITIVE"
ABOUT FRIENDLY RES AND, OF COSPONSORS COULD ACCEPT ONE
AMENDMENT, FRANCE WOULD CERTAINLY VOTE IN FAVOR OF IT.

2. LECOMPT PROPOSED THAT IN SECOND OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH,
PHRASE EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT THE UNSC DUE COURSE WILL
GIVE RECONSIDERATION TO RELEVANT ASPECTS OF KOREAN QUESTION
"INCLUDING THE FUTURE OF UN COMMAND" BE CHANGED TO "INCLUDING
THE DISSOLUTION OF THE UN COMMAND." LECOMPT ARGUED
THAT UN COMMAND HAS BEEN DISCUSSED FOR SO LONG IN UN THAT IF
OUR RES IS REALLY TO BE "FORWARD LOOKING" IT MUST CLEARLY
INDICATE OUR WILLINGNESS TO AGREE TO CONSIDERATION OF
UNC'S DISSOLUTION.

3. VAN DER KLAUW TOLD LECOMPT HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS ON
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MATTER BUT WOULD REFER IT TO COSPONSORS.

4. FRENCH HAVE MADE SAME PROPOSAL TO UK MISSION HERE.

5. MISOFF DISCUSSED FRENCH SUGGESTION WITH ROK AND SELECTED COSPONSORS (UK, JAPAN, FRG, NEW ZEALAND) MORNING NOV 8. ALL THOUGHT SUBSTITUTION OF "DISSOLUTION OF UN COMMAND" FOR "FUTURE OF UN COMMAND" WOULD NO ALTER MEANING OF OUR RESOLUTION AND WOULD MERELY MAKE EXPLICIT IN RESOLUTION WHAT SEVERAL OF US ALREADY SAID IN LAST YEAR'S FIRST COMMITTEE DEBATE ON KOREA. UK IN PARTICULAR BELIEVED WORD "DISSOLUTION" IN FRIENDLY RES WOULD VASTLY STRENGTHEN OUR CASE AGAINST PUTTING HOSTILE RES TO VOTE IN FIRST COMMITTEE AFTER ADOPTION OF OUR RES. UK SAID WE COULD MAKE VERY CONVINCING ARGUMENT THAT OUR RES, IN AGREEING TO CONSIDER DISSOLUTION OF UNC, HAD COMPLETELY PREEMPTED SUBSTANCE OF HOSTILE RES. (FYI: UK PREVIOUSLY HAS BEEN COSPONSOR MOST HESITANT ABOUT TRYING TO BLOCK VOTE ON HOSTILE RES.) AMB PARK ALSO SAW NO REASON NOT TO ACCEPT FRENCH AMENDMENT, PARTICULARLY IF IT WOULD MEAN FRENCH COSPONSORSHIP AS WELL AS VOTEIN FAVOR FRIENDLY RES.

6. COMMENT: WE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS FRENCH PROPOSAL AT GREATER LENGTH WITH THEM PARTICULARLY TO SEE IF THEY WOULD INSTEAD BE ABLE TO ACCEPT WORDING SUCH AS "ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS TO UN COMMAND." NEVERTHELESS WE SEE CONSIDERABLE MERIT IN ACCEPTING FRENCH AMENDMENT ALONG THESE LINES, PROVIDED WE CAN SECURE FRENCH COSPONSORSHIP. FRENCH DECISION TO COSPONSOR WOULD ENABLE US TO PICK UP ADDITIONAL VOTES FROM FRENCH-SPEAKING AFRICAN COUNTRIES, AND MIGHT CURB NORTH KOREAN ENTHUSIASM FOR VOTE ON HOSTILE RES. IF RENCH DECIDE NOT TO COSPONSOR, WE COULD POLITELY DECLINE TO ACCEPT THEIR AMENDMENT ON GROUNDS THIS WOULD ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO ATTEMPT TO MODIFY OUR RES, POSSIBLY IN UNHELPFUL DIRECTION. WE COULD TELL FRENCH, HOWEVER, THAT WE PREPARED DURING FIRST COMMITTEE DEBATE TO STATE CLEARLY OUR WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER DISSOLUTION OF UNC, IF THEY COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO VOTING IN FAVOR OUR RES. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT GUIDANCE AND INFO ADDRESSEES COMMENTS.

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